

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
AUGUST 15, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call were Trustees Bowman, Menzel and Pelletier. Also present were Police Chief Polston, Building & Zoning Superintendent Curt Ulrich, Administrator Osten and Village Clerk Brouder. Trustee Bastidas was out-of-town

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 12, 2006 MINUTES:

~ **Trustee Menzel made a motion to approve the Public Health & Safety meeting minutes of July 18, 2006. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** Trustee Pelletier had a change under Other Business. The sentence "Trustee Pelletier has spoken to the County and turned over to them the traffic counts done by Barrington and Fox River Grove." She said she never turned over the traffic counts, so the sentence should read "Trustee Pelletier has spoken to the County." The motion was approved with this change by a roll call of three yes votes.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Present in the audience were Algonquin Township Highway Commission Bob Miller, residents Bob & Mary Lou Nunamaker, Nona Arnold, Janet Mollett, Jean Stapleton, Bob Nash, Paige Lord, Bob & Michelle Trausch, Mick Gasso all present for the Algonquin Road/Plum Tree Road stop sign; Dave Vogeler from Fleet 17 and resident Walter Weinert.

Algonquin / Plum Tree Roads Stop Sign - Mr. Miller explained his background in the Highway Department. He was elected Highway Commissioner in 1993 and first started working in the Highway Department in 1972. He has been actively seeking a stop sign since 1984 for that intersection. Last year he contacted the County three different times for a stop sign. He stated that the township has never sidestepped or shirked responsibility for this intersection. The township erects, maintains and requests the signs, while the County makes the decisions for or against placing signs. The County engineer looks at different criteria ~ speed, accidents and traffic counts. Mr. Miller passed out a letter dated March 22, 2005 from the Office of the County Traffic Engineer, Bradley Cousin stating the following: 1) the traffic volumes at the intersection are below the required volumes for installing a stop sign to make the intersection of four-way stop; 2) the accident records show one accident at this intersection over the past year. The requirement would be five for a stop sign; and 3) the existing stopping sight distance exceeds the required distance for the posted 30 mph speed limit. Mr. Miller said that the County could place a magnetic counter at the intersection to get a current status of the number of cars that pass through this intersection.

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He stated that the County and Village are doing all they can. He will go to the County with the information and petitions he has received in an attempt to secure a legal stop sign. He also mentioned that if he was unsuccessful, the Village could, despite what the Village Attorney believes, put up a stop sign. Administrator Osten stated that the Village Attorney said this would not be legal because the Village does not have jurisdiction, but would be if the Village annexed the adjacent property. Tickets would not hold up in court and if there was an accident, the Village would be liable. The Village Engineer said we do have justification from a traffic engineering perspective.

Residents asked about the school children walking along there, but Mr. Miller stated that does not take precedence since there is a sidewalk along the street. Another resident said the Cary-Grove High School bus now stops across the street where there is no sidewalk and kids will be walking there. Another mentioned that because of the development of Dominick's and the surrounding area, Old Hunt Road has a significant number of cars traveling through. The resident from the first house on Plum Tree said the intersection is very confusing and people are constantly turning around in her driveway because they went the wrong way.

Trustee Pelletier offered to help Mr. Miller get any information he needs. He is not going through the Transportation Committee, but directly to Mr. Cousins. He evaluates every intersection. Mr. Miller will need their petition by next Tuesday.

Mrs. Arnold stated she heard that a subdivision was being built near that intersection with 100 homes. This is probably Barrington Farms. Mr. Nash asked Administrator Osten about asking the property owner (Dittrich) about annexing his property. Administrator Osten stated that if the County doesn't warrant the stop sign, the Village will consider annexing the property across the street and have the Village Engineer warrant the stop sign.

Mr. Miller will ask for the stop sign using the new criteria and if he is turned down will ask Mr. Cousins for all the reasons and statistics. He will then address each item one by one.

Venetian Night - Dave Vogeler was representing Fleet 17 for the Venetian Night. It is August 26th. It starts at 7 p.m. until about 11:00. The boats will come around 8:30 – 9:00. There will be a band playing.

Randy Kief of Kief's Reef will be providing the food and drinks. The club will do as much clean-up on Saturday night as possible. The Boy Scouts are coming on Sunday to clean up the park and will get paid \$100. The Girl Scouts will sell glow sticks.

Randy Kief said he planned to stop serving food between 9:30 and 10:00 to clean-up so he's ready to leave at 11. The band stops at 11 and it takes about 20-30 minutes to break down.

Administrator Osten asked if the Committee was OK with 11:00 as the stop time for the band and what time did they want the park completely empty.

Walter Weinert stated that last month a party hosted in Cary was so loud, people in Fox River Grove called the police and they contacted Cary police. The noise really carries across the river.

Trustee Pelletier was OK with 11:00. Trustee Bowman wants them done by 11:00. He suggested the beer sales and music end at 10:30. Trustee Menzel thought the band could play until 11:00, but beer sales should end at 10:30 so everyone finishes their beer by 11:00.

Trustee Menzel made a motion to have both music and beer sales end at 10:30 p.m. for Venetian Night. Trustee Pelletier seconded. It was approved by a roll call of three yes votes.

Mr. Vogeler thanked the Committee. He also inquired about hanging a banner in town that says “Venetian Night, Lions Park, Food, Beer, Music, August 26th.” Fleet 17 would like to get some exposure for this event. Administrator Osten suggested talking to Mr. Wurfel, the owner of the property at Lincoln Avenue. He also said we could put it on the Village sign at the Church property.

It was suggested that Mr. Vogeler call the Township to see if the bus would be available to shuttle people from the train station. Also, Mr. Vogeler should call Superintendent Huizinga about port-o-lets and handwash stations. He was given his phone number. Trustee Menzel added he needed to contact the Health Department. Mr. Vogeler said Randy Kief would be taking care of that, as well as checking ID’s and having bracelets.

The Village Board will vote on the time on Thursday, August 17th. Mr. Vogeler will attend the meeting to answer any additional questions.

To finish **OTHER BUSINESS**, Administrator Osten reported the Bike Race is September 3rd. Friday morning there is a 10:00 a.m. meeting. The Bike Club distributed flyers to all the homes on the race route. Administrator Osten will copy to Chief Polston and Village Board. President Laube will be out of town, so we need an elected official to speak at the ceremonies.

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Apartment Inspections Ordinance ~ Superintendent Ulrich explained the Apartment Inspections Ordinance drawn up by Attorney Rosenthal is ready for adoption. The fee has been increased to \$80 because the first company was not able to get their license. \$80 is what the company we will hire charges. All buildings with three or more units will be inspected. Each apartment owner needs to file a Statement of Registration by December 31st. Superintendent Ulrich will compile a list of addresses and send a letter explaining the program and registration. It will be sent sixty days prior to the January 1, 2007 program start date. **Trustee Pelletier made a motion to recommend approval of Apartment**

Inspection Ordinance to Village Board. Trustee Menzel seconded. It was approved by a roll call of three yes votes.

Walgreen's/Preferred Development Shared Route 14 Access ~ Superintendent Ulrich reported that he has tried to contact them, and has not received a return call. He assumes they have not come to an agreement.

1050 Route 14 Driveway ~ Superintendent Ulrich reported a driveway has been constructed with a culvert pipe and blacktop to Route 14. It was all done without permits from the Village, County or IDOT. Superintendent Ulrich sent a letter to stop work on the driveway and copied the County and IDOT. This does not affect the restaurant opening. Osten requested that IDOT tell the owner of the property that they needed to have a plan or IDOT will put up a barricade. It was a surprise to IDOT that they are trying to sell off the property. They will have to come to the Village to subdivide it.

Superintendent Ulrich also reported that he spoke with the owner of Dick's Fox River Roadhouse and they will be submitting a package to him at the end of the week. It will take about five months to complete the remodeling work.

Administrator Osten stated that Cape Designs was moving out and he called to see if the Village could help them find a larger space. Mr. Cappi has not returned the phone calls.

Conservation Easements ~ Picnic Grove Homeowners Association reported 100% compliance. Hunter's Farm has a list of some violations and Superintendent Ulrich is in the process of sending out a letter.

Trustee Bowman thanked Superintendent Ulrich.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Polston reported there were 323 calls, 171 tickets were issued and nine were DUI's. There were 1,278 for this time last year. There were no questions.

Copier purchase ~ A copier purchase for the Police Department in the amount of \$6,786 was recommended from Finance. **Trustee Menzel made a motion to recommend to Village Board the purchase of a copier for the Police Department in the amount of \$6,786. Trustee Pelletier seconded.** It was approved by roll call vote of three yes votes.

Emergency Management Update ~ Chief Polston stated he would be attending a luncheon on Pandemic Flu Thursday, August 17. It is for Village officials and staff. The same presentation will be offered in the evening at Crystal Lake South High School for the public. We have already sent in a grant application for \$5,000 for the County. The NIMS testing series that the Village Board and Department Heads need to take so far is IS-700

then ICS-100. The Emergency Management Plan is still in process.

Interview Process – Chief Polston informed the Committee that three rounds of interviews had been conducted. Six candidates were asked for a second interview. The top two candidates were offered a position. They are Jason Draftz, a dispatcher from Lake in the Hills and John Doherty, who works for Pepsi. They are going for their psychological tests on Wednesday and Thursday. If they pass that, then they go to their doctors for physicals. Chief Polston was able to get two reservations for classes at the University of Illinois in October. Their hire dates will be September 30th and October 1st (for seniority). They will train in the office and ride with other officers until they attend school.

Chief Polston reported Officer Slovacek was slightly injured Saturday morning when two ATV's (all terrain vehicles) were racing down Northwest Highway at 60 – 70 mph in the middle lane. One broke his front axle near the Walgreen's. Officer Slovacek was looking for the second ATV on foot when the rider came at him on the ATV and hit the Officer's hand. Officer Slovacek's hand was injured and he is using a sling, but still at work.

Chief Polston stated he will be out of town August 31st to September 6th returning to work September 8th. Trustee Bowman thanked him for his report.

Other Business items were addressed in the beginning of the meeting.

Next Meeting - September 12th. Trustee Bowman reported that President Laube asked if it would be better to meet another evening since we have changed the date so often. She suggested moving it to the first Tuesday of the month. It needs to be before Finance. The Trustees had no problem with the date change. Trustee Bowman asked Chief Polston and Superintendent Ulrich and they did not have a conflict. He then asked Clerk Brouder to check with Deputy Clerk Majkrzak who is on vacation. This item will be revisited at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menzel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pelletier. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Dennis Bowman, Chairperson
Donna M. Brouder, Acting Secretary